

RUTHERFORD STONE HOUSE
"SPRING HOUSE".
PUNTAING, PA.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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2250 No. Third St., Harrisburg, Pa.

THE RUTHERFORD STONE HOUSE
"The Spring House"
Paxtang Park
Adjoining Paxtang Boro

OWNER: City of Harrisburg.

DATE OF ERECTION: Not Known, but 1740 has been mentioned. At any rate it was built before 1755.

ARCHITECT: None.

BUILDER: Unknown.

PRESENT CONDITION: Practically abandoned--in very bad repair.

NUMBER OF STORIES: Two stories.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: Rough mountain stone.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: Egle's History of Dauphin County.

ADDITIONAL DATA: Thomas Rutherford, of a Scotch family that removed from Scotland to Ireland about 1690, came to America in 1729. His sweetheart, Jean Mordah, having come with her parents the year before to Donegal, Thomas also came to Donegal. They married the following year and lived in Donegal until her father's death in 1744, when they moved to Derry and in 1755 to Paxtang. On the property he acquired was a stone house built over a spring.

The spring which rises under the house is the source of a considerable stream which flows into Spring Creek. The House stands within a park area belonging to the City of Harrisburg, which also owns the House.

Julian McLean
District Officer